

FEBRUARY 2023 PROGRAMS

All programs are free and open to the public. Parking fee applies. An adult must accompany children. Reasonable accommodations available upon request. Inclement weather cancels most programs. In case of inclement weather, confirm by calling (508) 238-6566. Please follow all current COVID guidelines. Visit [Mass.gov/COVID](https://www.mass.gov/COVID).

Daily	AMES FAMILY PHOTO EXHIBIT 8:00 am—4:00 pm, In the Visitor Center Stop by the Newcombe Visitor Center at Borderland State Park to learn about the Ames family and the construction of the Borderland estate through a series of photographs. Self-guided.
Daily	SELF-GUIDED BROCHURES 8:00 am—4:00 pm, At the Visitor Center Want to learn more about the architecture of the historic Ames Mansion or the grounds? Self-guided tour brochures are free and available in the entry way of the visitor center. For all ages.
Sundays, Mondays, and Wednesdays	MANSION TOURS Times vary. Registration required. Step back in time and explore the first floor of the historic Ames Mansion. Free guided tours are offered throughout the week. Themes and times vary. Tours are thirty minutes long, first floor only. Accessible. Advance registration required. Visit https://www.eventbrite.com/o/borderland-state-park-mass-dcr-44656431063 . Sundays 1:00 pm-1:30 pm: Mansion Tour: Building a Home 2:00 pm-2:30 pm: Kids Mansion Tour 3:00 pm-3:30 pm: Mansion Tour: Partners in Love & Work Mondays 1:00 pm-1:30 pm: Mansion Tour: Building a Home 3:00 pm-3:30 pm: Mansion Tour: Partners in Love & Work Wednesdays 1:00 pm-1:30 pm: Mansion Tour: Building a Home 3:00 pm-3:30 pm: Mansion Tour: Partners in Love & Work
Thursdays, February 2, 9, 16 & 23	OFF THE BEATEN PATH HIKES 1:00 pm—3:00 pm, Meet at the Visitor Center Explore different trails each week on a guided hike between 2-4 miles long on varied terrain at a moderate pace. Bring drinking water and dress for the weather. For adults and older children.
Sunday, February 12	WINTER ADVENTURES: A WINTER'S WALK 10:00 am—11:00 am, Meet at the Visitor Center Join DCR staff for a family walk along the 3-mile Pond Walk Trail. Depending on trail conditions and group size, route may change or may be cut shorter. Dress for the weather. After hike we will enjoy hot chocolate by a fire inside the Visitor Center.
Thursdays, February 9 & 23	WINTER ADVENTURE SERIES 10:00 am—11:00 am, Meet at the Visitor Center Thursday mornings, explore the natural side of Borderland State Park. For curious adults. February 9—Basic Tree ID: Want to learn some basic tricks to identify common trees of Massachusetts? Join the park staff and learn some easy tricks to identifying trees. We will follow the program with a short 1-mile walk to identify trees together. February 23—Stonewall Secrets: Curious about the stonewalls that crisscross the forests of New England? Learn who made these stonewalls on a moderately paced 1-mile walk on hilly and rocky route.

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SPECIAL EVENTS

- Sunday,
February 5 **FULL MOON HIKE**
6:00pm, Meet at the Visitor Center
Join the park staff for the first Full Moon Hike of 2023. We will offer three different paced guided hikes along the 3-mile Pond Walk Trail under the full moon. Trail is mostly flat. Bring a flash-light and dress for the weather. All children must be accompa-nied by an adult. Leashed pets are welcome to join. For all ages.
- Tuesday,
February 14 **SHARE YOUR LOVE FOR NATURE HIKE**
10:00 am—11:30 am, Meet at the Visitor Center
On Valentines Day, get out of the house and on the trails at Borderland State Park for a moderately paced 3-mile hike along the Pond Walk Trail. After the hike, join the park staff inside the Visitor Center for some hot chocolate. Route may change depending on trail conditions and weather. For all ages.
- Friday,
February 17
through
Sunday,
February 26 **SELF-GUIDED ACTIVITIES FOR FAMILIES**
8:00 am—3:00 pm, Inside the Visitor Center
For February school vacation week, stop by the Visitor Center for some self-guided activities. Actives include: pelt identification, coloring sheets, and make your own greenhouses (while supplies last). These are self-guided programs. Rain, snow or shine. For all ages. Children must be accompanied by an adult.
- Sunday,
February 19 **OWL PROWL PROGRAM**
5:00 pm—6:30 pm, Meet at the Visitor Center
PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED
Join the park staff for our Owl Prowl. We will discover the owls that can be found in New England, learn some owl calls and then take a 1-2 mile hike to try and hear (and maybe see) an owl or two. After the program we will have an owl pellet dissection activity available inside the Visitor Center. Dress for the weather. Space is very limited. To register, please email
- Sunday,
February 26 **DCR SE MASS ADULT WALKING CLUB**
10:00 am—12:00 pm, Meet at the Visitor Center
Join us for a moderately paced 3.5-mile hike along the Pond Walk trail and some un-named trails along the way. Mostly flat terrain. Hike route may change depending on trail conditions and weather. For adults.

